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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 30, 2001
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Robert Garton, Chairman; Rep. John Gregg, Vice-Chairman; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Harold Wheeler; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Earline Rogers; Rep. Mark Kruzan; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Richard Mangus; Rep. Kathy Richardson; Rep. Brian Bosma.

Members Absent: Rep. William Cochran; Sen. Patricia Miller.

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

Senator Robert Garton, Chairman, called the second meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 10:45 AM. The Chair asked for a roll call, and declared a quorum present to conduct business. He then moved on to the day's agenda.

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II. Consideration of Legislative Council Resolution (LCR 01-07) concerning the broadcast of House and Senate floor sessions on the Internet.

The Chair recognized Representative David Crooks to speak on the resolution. Rep. Crooks emphasized how important he felt the internet broadcast was to the citizens of Indiana. The Chair then recognized Mr. Phil Sachtleben, Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to explain LCR 01-07 (see Exhibit A).

The Chair then opened the discussion for questions by members of the Council. Sen. Wyss asked whether the users software for playing the broadcast would be a free download. Mr. Sachtleben explained that the broadcast will be live streaming audio, and playable through the Microsoft Windows 95 operating system or any later version.

Rep. Bosma asked if it would be an audio only broadcast, and Mr. Sachtleben answered that it would be audio only. Sen. Young expressed concern about the ability to edit portions of this audio and asked what protections were in place to guard against this. Mr. Sachtleben pointed to SECTION 2 of P.L. 179-2001. This section sets forth that none of this audio could be used for commercial use without permission from the Legislative Council. Rep. Crooks then followed up in making the point that anyone can bring a camera or tape recorder to the Legislature's sessions now. Sen. Young stated that he was still concerned with the ease of access to this audio. Sen. Harrison then followed up by asking what the penalties for miss use of this audio are. Mr. Sachtleben explained that the Attorney General would handle the enforcement of this provision.

Rep. Kruzan then asked about the ability to upgrade from this system to newer systems in the future. He also asked about the cost difference in providing video coverage as well. Mr. Sachtleben pointed out that this system was a purchase of a service and no hardware. He also stated those costs to move to video coverage would include wiring, bandwidth, cameras, and people to maintain the system.

The Chair then pointed out that the provision preventing the audio from being used to show legislative intent, unless certified by the clerk or secretary of the respective chamber, was another protection against misuse. The Chair then asked for a motion.

Speaker Gregg made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Rep. Bosma seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted by a roll call vote of 14 to 0.

III. Consideration of Legislative Council Resolution (LCR 01-08) concerning a request from the Interim Committee on Agriculture and Animal Issues:

Rep. Grubb was recognized to speak on LCR 01-08. He explained the resolution (see Exhibit B) and emphasized that monitoring the food supply, and keeping it safe from terrorism is a major issue.

Rep. Brown then asked if a recommendation to monitor the water supply should also be included. The Council discussed this option, and concluded that this was a minimal concern based on information from Sen. Wyss and Sen. Wheeler.

There was a motion to adopt by Sen. Young, seconded by Speaker Gregg. A roll call vote adopted the resolution 14 to 0.

IV. Recommendations of the Legislative Evaluation Oversight Policy Subcommittee:

The Chair recognized Rep. Brown to speak on the Subcommittee's recommendations. Rep. Brown stated that he was asked to speak on behalf of Sen. Miller. Rep. Brown explained LCR 01-09 (see Exhibit C) which reported what the Subcommittee planned to evaluate in the next two years. He also explained the report of the State Fire Marshal in gathering the data necessary for the LSA to audit them next year (see Exhibit D).

Sen. Wyss stated that he was Chair of the Public Safety Matters Evaluation Committee this interim, and the Fire Marshal was supposed to be evaluated by that committee. The Legislative Council postponed the audit of the Fire Marshal in order to

have the Fire Marshal compile appropriate data. However, the Fire Marshal failed to provide the first installment of quarterly data as promised. He expressed that he was disappointed that the Fire Marshal was unprepared for the evaluation, and asked that the Council concern about this matter be noted to the Fire Marshal. He recommend that the quarterly reports by the Fire Marshal be made a priority on their calendar in the coming months.

There was a motion to adopt by Rep. Brown, and a second by Rep. Mangus. Rep. Brown then pointed out the importance of evaluating recycling and solid waste management districts. The Chair stated that there was supposed to be a 50 percent reduction of the solid waste in Indiana by next year. Rep. Mangus said that there is a discrepancy in the statistics on this issue, and an evaluation is needed to get some uniformity in those numbers. A roll call vote adopted the resolution 12 to 2.

V. Report on the activities of the Office of Census Data.

Mark Stratton and Maureen Bard from the Office of Census Data made a presentation on the duties they have been performing since the redistricting process ended. They went through a handout to the Council updating members on these activities (see Exhibit E).

Rep. Richardson then expressed her thanks for the help of Mr. Stratton, Mrs. Bard, and Mr. Sachtleben in working with her county as well as other counties to complete the tasks required after a census and redistricting.

Rep. Mangus inquired if any effort was being made to discuss with the Amish community the importance to Indiana of their full participation in the census. Mr. Stratton said that there was no one that he knew of that was working in that area.

The Chair asked if there were any adjustments left to make to the redistricting that was just completed. Mr. Stratton said that the census data advisory committee would be recommending a small number of technical corrections. The Chair then thanked Mr. Stratton and Mrs. Bard for the report.

VI. Other Business.

The Chair said that this was the last meeting of the Council, and asked if there was any other business. Rep. Bosma raised the issue of State House security. He said that there were valid safety concerns for the Legislature and staff working in the building.

Rep. Brown expressed his concern as well. He felt that a heightened awareness is needed because of the recent terrorist attacks. Sen. Wyss said that he was in a recent meeting on this issue and learned that things were being done to improve the state of security of all the surrounding government facilities.

The Chair then said that he and the Speaker would speak to the Governor on this issue.

VII. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.